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**A LINE O' CHEER  
EACH DAY O' THE YEAR**  
First printing of an original poem, written for  
The Washington Herald.  
By John Kendrick Baus.

**GOOD RIDDANCE.**  
Forgetting trouble's not the thing  
We mortals vexed should try.  
But when they come with bitter stings  
To meet 'em eye to eye;  
To grapple with them then and there  
With all our might and main,  
And do them up so full and fair  
They'll not return again.  
(Copyright, 1917.)

Are you sporting your liberty  
loan button yet?

When "Tom" Bridges says his  
final farewells to "Newt" Baker we  
should dearly love to be present.

"Bethmann-Hollweg Threatens to  
Resign," says a headline. We would  
not regard this as a threat, but a  
promise.

If T. R. goes to the trenches as a  
colonel in the New York National  
Guard this will be an extremely happy  
solution of the present episode.

Monsieur Hovelacque and Geoffrey  
Butler will leave a reputation in  
Washington as two of the best press  
agents that Europe ever produced.

The British government is having  
a lot of fun at Josephus Daniels' personally  
conducted censorship. It is  
funny to every one except the Wash-  
ington newspaper men.

Now that our destroyer flotilla is  
over hunting subs in the North Sea  
it may give some doubting Thomases  
new enlightenment as to the fact that  
we are really in the war.

Registering in the schoolhouse for  
conscription will cause as much ter-  
ror in the hearts of some, as the first  
time they registered in the school-  
house to the detriment of baseball,  
fishing, etc.

At last we have learned the "why"  
of the Official Bulletin that the  
government is now publishing. It is  
intended for the use of courts, notary  
publics, etc., so that they will not have  
to waste time by writing to Washing-  
ton for certified copies of proclama-  
tions and other official documents.

We are told that the President  
evinced considerable interest at the  
showing of the circus elephants. This  
is probably because they were dark  
ones, as the President has had quite  
a bit of experience with white ele-  
phants since he appointed his Cabin-  
et.

**A VETERAN SUBSCRIBES.**  
I've written to the Treasury  
At Washington, D. C.  
And entered my subscription to  
The Loan of Liberty.  
Five hundred dollars isn't much,  
But then it's all I own,  
And every man should do his share  
To help along the Loan.

I'm sorry I can do no more,  
I'm much too old to fight;  
The youngsters now must take the field  
To battle for the Right.  
But we who served the Stars and Stripes  
When Lincoln called for men,  
Can draw our checks to Uncle Sam,  
And thus can serve again.

Now let me add another word:  
Don't think that I'm a fool,  
For when a lad I learned, at least,  
To "figure" well at school,  
My dear old dad bought U. S. bonds  
And never came to harm,  
For when the civil war was closed,  
His profits bought the farm.

So while I am a patriot  
And wouldn't shirk a loss—  
If Uncle Sam just needed help  
I'd do my "bit," of course;  
But since no losses can accrue,  
And profits may be shown,  
I'm doubly glad to draw my check  
For Uncle Sam's new Loan.  
—Reuben Goldsmith, in the New York  
Times.

**TO JOFFRE IN AMERICA.**  
Man of the Marne! With France,  
With you-for you are France—  
We are ALLIES AGAIN!  
Then, may now our lagging fingers  
Braid a wreath  
To lay upon your dauntless brow?  
We will not fashion it from severed  
leaves  
That fade, but from a living plant  
Whose roots invisible are buried deep  
In countless thrilling hearts;  
So shall the dew of deathless gratitude  
Forever keep it fresh and fair for you,  
For you, who with calm might held back  
The barbarous hordes that else had  
As well as you, o'erwhelmed!  
Yet Joffre, brave Joffre,  
Can you and your heroic land  
Forget the shame of our delay,  
Forgive us that we came so late?  
—MARY L. D. MACFARLAND.

## "Forward Washington."

The opening gun in the battle to-  
ward enfranchising the citizens of the  
District, was fired in the Senate yes-  
terday when Senator Chamberlain in-  
troduced a joint resolution providing  
for amending the Constitution and  
giving the people of the District a  
vote.

It is significant that this move  
should be made so soon after the  
"Forward Washington" dinner of the  
Chamber of Commerce, particularly  
as this phase of the District's help-  
lessness occupied considerable of the  
attention of the speakers at the  
Chamber's dinner.

However, a Senatorial resolution  
does not necessarily mean that the  
people of Washington will be eligi-  
ble to vote at the polls at the next  
election. Nor will they ever be eligi-  
ble unless the entire support of every-  
one in the city is given to the move-  
ment.

Separate endorsement of the vari-  
ous organizations in the Capital has  
a pleasant sound, but it has never yet  
accomplished what the people in the  
city desire more than any other single  
issue.

The ballot can be secured, however,  
if separate activities are concerted in  
to one unanimous movement toward  
political freedom. The time is ripe  
for a merger of the different organiza-  
tions in Washington. Every com-  
mercial body in the city is striving for  
the same goal, that of furthering the  
cause of Washington. That cause can  
best be favored by unity.

If the different organizations rep-  
resent different functions that matter  
can easily be arranged, in fact they  
could still retain their individuality  
even though merged into one body.  
But no one can deny that a unifica-  
tion of endeavor is apropos where  
there is a unification of purpose. For-  
ward Washington is neither single,  
double nor triple; it is universal in this  
city and commands universal treat-  
ment.

## An Illustration of Real and Great Service.

Henry P. Davison has become a  
citizen of Washington to remain here  
until the close of the war. He has been  
loaned, so to speak, both to the gov-  
ernment and to the people, by his  
partners of the house of J. P. Morgan  
& Co. He will organize the Red  
Cross Association, perfecting the sys-  
tem until it adequately and complete-  
ly supplements all the military and  
financial undertakings which the war  
entails. To do this, it is essential  
that he withdraw from important  
financing with which, since the begin-  
ning of the war, his name has been  
identified, and take up temporary resi-  
dence in Washington, here to estab-  
lish himself as the central force of  
the Red Cross organization.

To do this entails true and very  
great service. It is voluntary ser-  
vice, the service of a patriot and it  
undoubtedly entails considerable sacri-  
fice. This will not be merely per-  
sonal to Mr. Davison, but will be  
reflected in the necessities of those  
who are to handle the great finan-  
cing which the war with Germany  
makes necessary. It is a sacrifice,  
therefore, on the part of J. P. Morgan  
& Co., for that house can ill af-  
ford to spare Mr. Davison at this  
time. In the stupendous financing  
which the United States has achieved  
since the beginning of the European  
war, Mr. Davison took a leading part,  
and it was due to some of his counsels  
that Great Britain and France met a  
year and a half ago in consultation  
which resulted in a full meeting of  
minds respecting the conduct of the  
war.

The high qualities then revealed by  
Mr. Davison will be placed without  
other reward than the sense of duty  
performed at the service of the people  
and will continue in that service un-  
til there shall be no longer need of  
camps, ambulances, Red Cross work  
or other accessories of the great war.

## The Case for the Railroads.

The great transportation lines of  
the nation have placed their case be-  
fore the Interstate Commerce Com-  
mission, and their brief is so over-  
whelmingly strong that it is difficult  
to see how it can be denied.  
They ask for a 15 per cent increase  
in freight rates. They buttress their  
cause with facts and figures which no  
one attempts to deny. They are faced  
with extraordinary demands to be  
made by the government. War means  
that they will have to "do their bit"  
—which they will do willingly—and  
face the loss of millions cheerfully  
and unwhimpering.

In an era of rising prices their  
charges are fixed and stationary. They  
do not deny their gross earnings are  
very much larger than they were a  
year ago. For the final week in April  
they were 12.52 per cent above the  
record of last year. But the cost of  
supplies and commodities has increas-  
ed at an even greater rate. Their net  
earnings are not of the volume that  
they should be if the railroads are  
truly to share in the prosperity of the  
country.

In the business of waging the most  
gigantic war of history the railroads  
of America are to play a vital part.  
The sacrifices they will have to face  
at the nation's call will be borne with-  
out murmur. The war is going to  
cause a huge rising scale of costs  
in the labor and supply markets.

## HOLLAND LETTER

The Biggest Daily  
Financial News Feature  
of the Country's Best Newspapers.

Of the loan of \$20,000,000 offered by  
the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mc-  
Adoo, the United States Steel Corpora-  
tion has taken \$5,000,000. This is prob-  
ably the largest single corporate subscrip-  
tion to the loan and it does not  
include such subscriptions as the corpora-  
tion may make so as to facilitate the  
placing of the loan in small parcels with  
other subscribers. This subscription supple-  
ments one of \$5,000,000 which the corpora-  
tion made for the short-term loan. It is pos-  
sible, of course, that Judge Gary and his  
associates may utilize these short-term  
notes in part payment of the subscrip-  
tion of \$5,000,000 to the long-term bonds.

In addition to these offerings, the steel  
corporation has without any request on  
the part of its employees increased wages,  
the action representing the belief of the  
managers that the employees should  
steadily share in any increasing prosper-  
ity of the corporation. Furthermore, the  
corporation subscribed \$50,000 to the  
\$2,000,000 fund which the Young Men's  
Christian Association is raising for war  
work in the camps which are about to  
be established. It may be that in per-  
fecting the Red Cross organization upon  
a scale of magnitude unparalleled which  
Henry P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan &  
Co., has undertaken at the request of  
President Woodrow Wilson, there will be  
co-operation with the Young Men's Christian  
Association in war work in the camps.

The attitude of the steel corporation  
toward the war and its ready response to  
appeals comes at a time when the ap-  
peals court has before it the appeal  
made by the government from the deci-  
sion of the lower courts with intent to  
secure from the Supreme Court a deci-  
sion which will dissolve this organiza-  
tion. But at Washington the very prin-  
ciple upon which the steel corpora-  
tion is organized is now adopted by  
those who have in hand the work of pre-  
paration, which is much further ad-  
vanced than the public suspects. There  
could not be rapid mobilizing of re-  
sources were it not for combination of  
capital, brains and labor. Some have  
thought that the experience which the  
country is now gaining and will continue  
to gain, will teach the whole people the  
economic soundness of the principle upon  
which the great corporations have been  
built, as well as the wisdom of publicly  
and of thorough government regulation  
of them.

The steel corporation was the pioneer  
among all corporations in adopting  
the principle of public ownership of  
the public utility, the management, perfect  
fairness in dealing between labor and cap-  
ital, and open books to one and all.

When Lord Curzon, who is the gov-  
ernor of the Bank of England, was in this  
city in the latter part of last week, he  
was frank enough to say that Great  
Britain expected to continue shipments  
of gold to the United States, and he  
might have pointed out that that state-  
ment to the fact that upon the day he  
spoke a large consignment of British  
gold came by way of Canada to New  
York. The question is frequently asked  
why Great Britain sends gold into the  
United States, and the answer is, it is  
and is again to receive large amounts  
of money borrowed here. Lord Curzon's  
statement that this was due to the de-  
sire of England to aid the American  
bankers in maintaining low rates in the  
money market, was also supplemented  
by somewhat unexpected admission of  
the attitude of the British people to-  
ward paper money of small denomina-  
tions. For Lord Curzon said that the  
Bank of England is now issuing a new  
denomination of about \$7 American  
money, whereas heretofore its smallest  
denomination has been approximately \$5  
American money. It was a gratification  
to the British government to observe  
that the people took kindly to paper  
money of small denomination. It has  
always been the impression that they  
could not be persuaded to use paper  
money instead of gold. Their experience,  
however, with the new issue of the new  
notes, which are redeemable in gold, has  
taught them the convenience of money  
of that kind, and it is unlikely that after  
the war is ended the Bank of England  
will abandon the issuing of notes of  
small denomination.

This is exactly what Lyman J. Gage,  
when he was Secretary of the Treasury  
in President McKinley's administration,  
discovered to be the disposition of the  
American people for some time. Sec-  
retary Gage thought it wise to put  
force into gold into daily circulation as far  
as possible, thereby refraining from the  
issuing of gold certificates. He made an  
earnest attempt to do that, but he speedily  
learned that the American people re-  
ferred gold certificates, very often de-  
clining to receive half eagles or eagles,  
but asking instead that certificates or  
other paper money be given to them. At  
last he abandoned the attempt and the  
result is that the people of this country  
now are using very little gold in their  
daily or personal transactions. It is al-  
most all in the treasury and bank vaults.  
—WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS, financial  
writer, in the New York Times.

Mr. Gage's invention was not perfect-  
ing, in his opinion, apparatus which  
would either put an end completely to  
the submarine or greatly diminish their  
activities, he undoubtedly then spoke with  
intention to lay the blame for the situa-  
tion that was prevailing. No one who  
knew Mr. Saunders failed to be impressed  
by his statement. He is a man of caution  
in the use of words, not given to op-  
timism, and he speaks with the precision  
of a man of science. He is also an  
expert mechanical engineer. The ap-  
paratus manufactured by the companies  
with which he is associated is in use in  
all parts of the world, and many of the  
countries Mr. Saunders has personally  
visited. It was surprised by his friends  
that he had received information from  
some men of great inventive ability,  
with whom he was intimate, which in-  
flicted him with the following qualifi-  
cation statement. As soon as the announce-  
ment came from Washington that Elmer  
Sperry, inventor of the gyrocompass, was  
identified with a certain apparatus under  
consideration by the authorities at Wash-  
ington, which, if tested justified expecta-  
tions, would greatly impair the subma-  
rines, if not completely eliminate  
them, then those who are personal ac-  
quaintances of Mr. Saunders and who  
know of his abilities, were persuaded that  
he had in mind the apparatus with which  
Mr. Sperry's name is associated. There-  
fore, the impression grows that American  
inventive skill, perhaps supplemented by  
counsel and information received from  
England, will in a short time have per-  
fected apparatus powerful enough not  
only to act on the defensive, but to cross  
the seas with intent to attack and destroy  
submarines.

## HOLLAND.

**CUBAN MISSION LEAVES.**

Their work completed after two weeks  
of conferences with military and naval  
officials of the American government, the  
Cuban war mission to the United States  
left Washington yesterday for Havana.  
The commissioners hope to arrive at the  
Cuban capital in time for the inaugura-  
tion of President Menocal on Sunday.

These costs will have to be faced.  
There can be no deterioration of  
service, of personnel, of equipment.  
Confidence may be expressed that  
the Interstate Commerce Commission  
will grant the railroads the increases  
they ask. When the facts are ana-  
lyzed, when the public hears the  
whole case, there can be little doubt  
as to what the verdict will be.

## THE PERISCOPE

From Russia comes the assuring news  
that the war will be over in 200 years.  
What do we say? Whether it is or not?  
General Plamm, the Russian general who  
gives us the news may know what he  
is talking about and he may not.  
Anyhow, that's the best news that's come  
out of Russia for two months. Wait till  
Root gets to the root of things.

## How Times Have Changed.

I was on my way thru' Bloodfield, that  
ancient battleground!  
Where the gas tank looms gigantic, so  
immensely big and round!  
And as I passed a vacant lot, I saw some  
boys at play:  
They were busy digging trenches, and I  
heard a small kid say:  
"Halt! Face about! You big fat boob,  
and give the countersign!"  
In consternation I drew back, and it was  
just in time!  
For like a pack of wolves they came, all  
eager for my blood!  
And really, friends, it seemed to rain  
bricks, sticks, and stones and mud!  
Across the lots I flew like mad, I simply  
burnt the air!  
And, oh, ye gods! but I was glad to get  
away from there!  
I chased into a grocery store, and in a  
corner reeled,  
And murmured with an angry cuss,  
"This is indeed Bloodfield!"  
The grocery man with smiling face said:  
"What's the matter, son?"  
Why, sakes alive! they're only kids, and  
they're only fun!  
You ought to see this neighborhood, 'way  
back in eighty-one!  
My! Times have changed; they're quiet  
now, with commonplace events;  
It used to be, one wasn't safe if he had  
fifteen cents!  
But now they're sort of peaceful like,  
and there is no complaint!  
When brushing off my ruined clothes, I  
said, "The hell there ain't!"  
—C. H. TURNBULL.

## A Very Grave Affair.

St. Louis, Mo., is in the throes of the  
thirtieth annual convention of Missouri  
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crack out of the "box" the chair-  
man announced in sepulchral tones that  
it was time for the burial of the business  
troubles and "die" down to business.  
After (re) hearing his speech, the chair-  
man took a "hack" at some of the com-  
mittee whose reports were "shrouded"  
in mystery. Each delegate had his tape  
measure with him looking for prospects.

## It's Up to You.

The machine-shop men of Germany,  
With their marks and pennings and skill,  
Built the monster of iron and steel  
That inhabits the seas.  
Created a monster without a heart  
That lurks in the dark to strike  
Women and children, the Red Cross  
nurse,  
The wounded and well alike.

Lathes and planers, millers and drills,  
Built this plaything of Hell,  
But lathes and planers, millers and drills  
Will conquer its might, as well.

## Machine-shop men of America.

With your dollars and cents and brains,  
You are fighting to rid the earth of fear,  
To destroy from the ocean lanes,  
But while you labor with iron and steel  
To build for the Great Beyond;  
Remember, you haven't begun your work  
Until you have bought your Bond.  
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## Now that the commission to Russia is

nearly ready to go, let us hope that they  
will teach the Bear to walk like a Man.  
Some of those boys over there got as  
drunk off of liberty as they used to get  
from vodka.

## The Summer Allies Hold a War

The Allies:  
Flies.  
Mosquitoes.  
Gnats.  
Pinching Bugs.

## Object of the Council—

To formulate plans for a summer drive  
by means of which man will be driven to  
desperation.

## Stenographic Report of the Proceedings.

MRS. FLY—"As the only surviving  
member of the Flies who lived through the  
desperate winter campaign against us, I  
offer my services unreservedly in this  
campaign. I guarantee to raise an army  
of 20,000,000,000,000,000 flies within two  
months for the summer drive opens."  
MR. MOSQUITO—"Our fleet will be in-  
creased by hundreds of millions this year  
and we guarantee that its appearance will  
create great agitation in every man's camp  
whenever we attack."

## MR. GNAT—"As we all know we can do

considerable in destroying man's morals.  
We promise more than ever this year."

## "CHORUS OF PINCHING BUGS—"We

have demonstrated that we are always  
there when it comes to a pinch."  
MR. FLY—"We will hold the enemy  
with our bass every night. You will all  
agree that our submarine work is great."  
—N. Y. American.

## Do It Now.

Young man, the time is drawing near,  
when Uncle Sam will say to you, all  
hesitators take and show, and tell them  
when and where to go. So why not go  
and say you're ready, just like our great  
and only Teddy. You've got a few days  
more to choose, so hurry now and don't  
refuse. Your country calls you loud  
and clear; it needs your help and not your  
cheer. It needs you now and not to-  
morrow. Go to it quick and save your  
sorrow. Let them say you've backed  
till, the passage of the conscript bill.  
Get started now to do your bit, and not  
when some one says "You're it." This  
war is to be gently led, than pushed  
into a soldier's bed, who you've back-  
till, the passage of the conscript bill.  
You'll claim with pride, that you didn't  
like a tender hide. You volunteered  
just like a man, and fought for dear old  
Uncle Sam. Go to it now, enlist today.

## "Where the Hen Scratcheth, There

She Expecteth to Find a Worm."

A scratcher hen may sometimes find  
her wormy expectation.  
And when she finds the squirming thing  
She's filled with delectation.  
Lay off that stuff and list to this.  
You've gumbled your calculation:  
She'll scratch her head nor hope to find  
A verminiform relation.  
—P. NUT, Phila. Eve. Ledger.

## OPHELIA'S SLATE.

One of the propositions being consid-  
ered by the War Department is the es-  
tablishment of all-ages camps in the  
South, where weather conditions will not  
interfere with the training work.

Heavy work on selecting sites for these  
camps is now being done by the south-  
eastern department, which is under com-  
mand of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, re-  
cently transferred from Governors  
Island.

At the time of Gen. Wood's transfer  
his friends considered that he had been  
demoted for too free criticism of army  
methods and administration policies. As  
events are developing he promises to  
have the most important department in  
the army, as the direction of the all-  
year camps would be entirely under him.

The War Department's plan for train-  
ing the 150,000 recruits authorized recently  
is to establish new regiments with regu-  
lars from the present forces as a nucleus.  
The gaps in the present organiza-  
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Neutral and Enemy Trade.

(New York Times.)

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